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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS

FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, SA, US, SY  
SUBJECT: SAUDI POSITION ON ATHERTON TRIP TO SYRIA

I ASKED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABD AL RAHMAN SANSURI  
ON JULY 24 WHETHER HE STILL THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE  
DESIRABLE FOR YOU TO GO TO SYRIA FOR TALK WITH AL-ASSAD.  
MANSURI SIAD THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH  
PRINCE SAUD AFTER YOUR TALK WITH HIM ON JULY 23. BOTH  
PRINCE SAUD AND HE HAD CONCLUDED THAT IN THE LIGHT OF  
YOUR REPORT THIS WAS NOT THE RIGHT TIME, AND THAT  
SAG WOULD NOT WANT TO SUGGEST THIS EITHER TO SYRIA  
OR TO YOU. PERHAPS AFTER THINGS DEVELOP A LITTLE MORE  
AND U.S. POSITION CRYSTALIZES AND IS MADE MORE EXPLICIT,  
IT WOULD BE GOOD TO TALK TO SYRIANS.  
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